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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding): Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: Akira

I went to Japan for a business trip, and was thinking of starting to study Japanese when I got back. I also like Anime very much, so I thought a good supplemental learning tool would be a DVD in Japanese of one of my favorite anime films "Akira". I purchased this disc at a store in the neighborhood of the Kinokuniya bookshop in Shinjuku. However, when I tried to play it in my roommate's DVD player when I returned, it would not work. This, of course, was due to region coding. It is an outrage that I cannot watch this disc that I paid for without buying another DVD player or resorting to methods which have been deemed criminal. From this point on I resolved not to buy another DVD until more options exist for consumers in the United States who buy DVDs from other parts of the world.